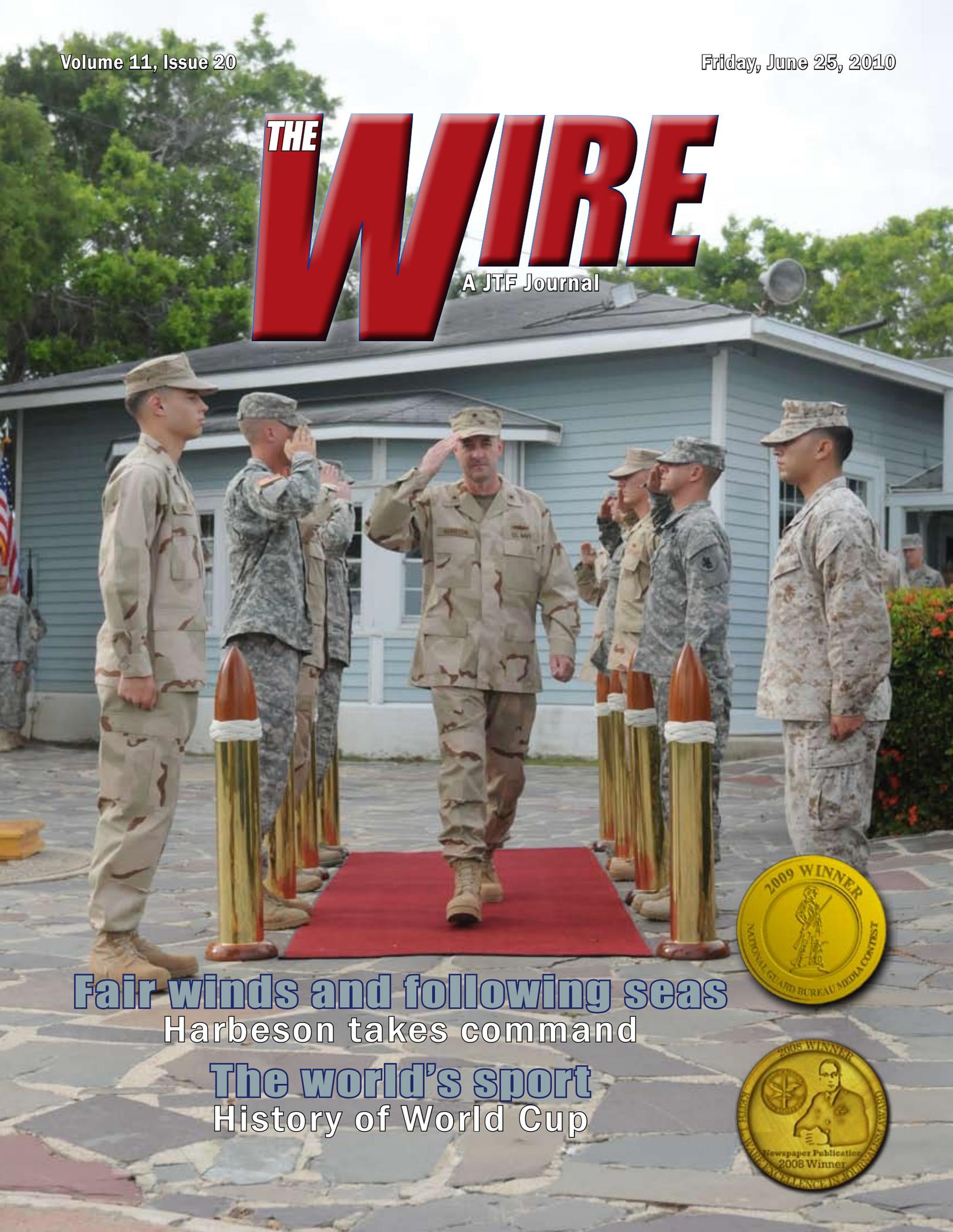


THE WIRE

A JTF Journal



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Motivation

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Scott A. Fleming
JTF Guantanamo Senior Enlisted Leader

What motivates you to do your job? Is it passion, a paycheck, the prospect of advancement, your oath to support the Constitution, the responsibility of rank, or just an alarm clock rudely declaring it's time to dead-head off to the factory again? Every once in a while, it's worth a little soul-searching to figure out what gets you successfully through the grind. Mindless meandering might be okay when you're flipping burgers or mowing grass, but military missions demand an understanding of ourselves and where we fit in the puzzle.

Joint Task Force Guantanamo can be a complex puzzle – just ask the parade of policy makers and pundits who have carved out fighting positions on this place for eight years. We have a lot of intricate moving pieces meshing into one of the nation's most strategically sensitive and vital endeavors. From E-1 to O-7, everyone on our team has a part to play in the production. The key is having a working knowledge of how it all comes together, so you can best fulfill your role.

Let's start with some basic truths regardless of where you work. We are charged primarily with providing safe, humane, legal and transparent care and custody to detainees. It is a politically charged mission requiring tactical patience, finesse and endurance. Every leadership decision has second and third-order effects on troops, readiness and morale. Standards and discipline, off-duty and on the clock, are our bedrock. Like any other mission, we have teeth and tail – both are vital to successful execution.

Every member of the JTF should be familiar with those concepts, because they represent our collective report card. Leaders at all levels have a duty to communicate, incorporate and enforce them. Those same leaders owe troops an explanation of our methods, if time permits and the logic is not readily apparent. Occasionally, when necessity and imminent contact with the adversary dictate, "just do it" is an acceptable course of action, but way more often than not, we can fit situational awareness into our schedules here.

A complete picture provides troops with insight and confidence that decisions are made only after careful consideration. Few things are more frustrating than not knowing why changes are made or what the future holds for us. Most people need information before they're capable of enthusiastically carrying out their assigned tasks. Armed with facts, our service members won't necessarily agree with a course of action, but they will understand how it was selected. Sometimes that means the difference between actively supporting a plan's success and passively watching its failure.

So we go back to motivation – to determining what makes us and those around us tick. It's easy to focus exclusively on the three feet directly in front of you; easy, but not necessarily enlightening. It's harder to wrap your arms around the entire process; harder, but definitely more rewarding. We expect leaders to expand their horizons as they ascend through the ranks, but where is it written that even the most junior troops can't benefit from taking a broader view of the organization and its guiding principles? I haven't found it any book yet. ★



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Navy Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson, incoming JTF commander, arrives at his change of command ceremony as he is piped ashore at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, June 25. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Joshua Nistas

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Soldiers qualify on the M16 rifle at Granadillo Range, June 18. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Joshua Nistas

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Harbeson relieves Copeman

Army Sgt. Tiffany Addair
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Joint Task Force Guantanamo said goodbye to Navy Rear Adm. Tom Copeman III and welcomed Navy Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson during a change of command ceremony on June 25 at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

Air Force Gen. Douglas Fraser, commander of U.S. Southern Command, spoke during the ceremony. This day also marked his one-year anniversary of assuming command at SOUTHCOM, and he couldn't have been happier to spend it in a more important or significant place.

"We are here today to thank Rear Adm. Tom Copeman for his tremendous leadership of Joint Task Force Guantanamo," Fraser said. "We are also here to welcome Rear Adm. Jeff Harbeson as he takes over this professional and dedicated organization assigned with carrying out what I call a vital, no fail mission."

Harbeson is a graduate of the University of Maryland. He was commissioned through the Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. Prior to arriving at GTMO he served as the deputy director for surface combat systems and weapons on the Chief of Naval Operations staff.

"In all regards, [Harbeson] comes extremely highly recommended," said Fraser. "He has a reputation for being innovative, caring, insightful, straightforward and incredibly articulate. Above all things, he is a superb leader. JTF Guantanamo could not have a more qualified officer taking the helm."

Harbeson spoke highly of Copeman and commended him for raising the standard while in command. He went on to address his newly appointed JTF team.

"Your actions serve as a model to emulate," Harbeson said. "I am honored to serve here, and look forward to working with the finest guard force in the world."

Fraser extended a heartfelt "welcome aboard" to Harbeson and expressed confidence in his ability to succeed and lead the Troops under his command.

"Jeff, it is truly an honor and a pleasure to put in your exceptionally capable hands this most dedicated and most professional group of men and women – this crew," Fraser said. "I know you'll do everything in your power to take care of this world class team and make it even better."

Copeman took command of the JTF on June 19, 2009 and, through his guidance and tenacity, helped to maintain the highest standards to ensure the safe, humane, legal and transparent care and custody of detainees.

During his time at GTMO, Copeman helped to reduce hunger strikes and doubled the percentage of detainees living in a communal setting, while assaults on the guard force were substantially lowered.

Copeman has many personal and professional strengths and qualities, gained throughout his career, which show in the manner in which he leads.

"When he walks the camps, greeting who I collectively call his 'crew,' both on and off duty, faces light up immediately upon seeing him," Fraser said. "He is a man of great deeds, but he also has an even greater sense of

humanity. That's why he was carefully chosen for the job of JTF Guantanamo commander, and that's why the Navy is moving him on to still increased levels of responsibility."

Copeman thanked all the men and women in uniform, from the mighty O6s to the powerful O5s to the omnipotent E9s, for making his JTF experience so memorable. He also thanked numerous personnel not in uniform for contributing to the mission success that was achieved during his tenure.

Copeman leaves GTMO to serve as the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs in Washington, D.C.

"I will forever be grateful that I was given the chance to command nearly 4,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coastguardsmen that have passed through these JTF-GTMO gates in the last year," Copeman said. "It has been my privilege to serve and this command will be a fond memory with me for the rest of my days."

In closing, Fraser addressed JTF-GTMO Troopers and commended them for a continuous job well done.

"To the men and women of JTF Guantanamo – thank you," Fraser said. "As an all volunteer force, you stand a difficult watch. I am tremendously impressed by your relentless pursuit of excellence, your selfless devotion to duty and your unfailing commitment to defend our great nation. You truly are 'Honor Bound to Defend Freedom.'"

Fraser also gave final words of encouragement to Harbeson, as he becomes the new commander for JTF-GTMO.

"Jeff, welcome aboard," Fraser said. "This is a vital and, as I said earlier, a 'no fail' mission. I know you'll do well!" ☆

Navy Rear Adm. Tom Copeman III and Navy Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson shake hands during the change of command ceremony, June 25. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth



Trail clean-up benefits everyone

Navy Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class

Joshua Nistas

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

With more than 900 pounds of debris removed from a local nature trail, Troopers are taking the extra steps needed to clean up Guantanamo Bay's most natural morale booster – nature.

Service members from all branches of service have stepped up to beautify the trails around GTMO, from both Joint Task Force Guantanamo and the naval station.

The group of volunteers have been working hard since their first clean-up on June 2, trying to re-introduce people to the clean and debris-free nature trails and beaches GTMO has to offer.

"The JTF volunteer coordinators wanted to start a new initiative revitalizing the trails around GTMO and the first project we started was at the marina, revitalizing the quarter mile stretch," said Navy Engineman 1st Class Matthew Bodenner, one of the volunteer coordinators and guard with the Navy Expedition Guard Battalion. "This has a direct impact on morale, and I think a lot of people are really excited to get out and start hiking."

Bodenner said that volunteers cleaning up the marina nature trail removed more than 60 bags of trash, a truck-bed of bricks, several dump truck loads of vegetation and miscellaneous scrap metal.

"The marina nature trail is a work in progress," said Navy Aviation Structural Mechanic 1st Class Joanna Kegler, another volunteer coordinator and guard with the NEGB. "But we have picked up trash at the windmills and up to the flagpole summit, with many more places scheduled for clean up."

Keglar also finds it important to protect our surroundings and coexist with the wildlife around us.

"I love nature and I think it's everyone's responsibility to try to preserve the environment and the habitat for so many creatures that live here along with us," Keglar said.

From junior Troopers to senior enlisted leaders and officers, as well as Department of Defense employees and civilians, volunteers all over the base have taken on the responsibility of cleaning up the trails and beaches.

"There has been an overwhelming amount of support from people in the community that want to see this project succeed," Bodenner said. "We've had a seaman [here for] two weeks of Reserve training [volunteer], a park ranger, a teacher, an interpreter and dozens of service members."

Bodenner said that there are many upcoming events, as well as plans for the



(Above) Navy Yeoman 3rd Class Brian Logan, from Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion, picks up trash along a nature trail at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, June 2. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Joshua Nistas

(Right) Navy Gunner's Mate 2nd Class William Riley and Navy Aviation Structural Mechanic 1st Class Joanna Kegler, both assigned to Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion, clean up, June 10. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Joshua Nistas

trails. Some of the plans include installing fitness equipment, such as pull-up bars and sit-up stations, along the paths and adding shaded turtle boards for turtle egg hatching sites. 🐢



Three Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers pose in front of their version of "The A-Team" van before watching the movie on opening night at the Downtown Lyceum, June 19. In addition to their new set of wheels, one of them went as far as cutting his hair in a Mohawk to resemble B.A. Baracus. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Michael R. Holzworth

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117 minutes

Rating: ★★★★★☆

'A' for action



Army Sgt. Tiffany Addair
JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

"The A-Team" 1980s hit TV series was recently turned into a contemporary movie, and hundreds of GTMO service members and residents showed up to watch.

A four-man team of American Soldiers, known as the A-Team, is stationed in Iraq. The team is contacted by CIA agent Lynch (Patrick Wilson) and is given a mission to recover printing plates for \$100 bills that are being used by Iraqi insurgents to produce counterfeit bills. Colonel John "Hannibal" Smith (Liam Neeson) and Lt. Templeton "Faceman" Peck (Bradley Cooper) are both warned to stay away from this mission and stay out of Baghdad. Disregarding the wishes of Hannibal's commanding officer, General Morrison (Gerald McRaney), and Faceman's ex-girlfriend who is with Defense Criminal Investigative Services, Charisa Sosa (Jessica Biel), a plan is created and the team moves out.

The mission is successful, but upon returning to base, both the shipping container carrying the money and Morrison are blown up and all proof of the team acting on behalf of the U.S. is destroyed. They are arrested, tried and dishonorably discharged from the Army, and sentenced to 10 years in separate federal prisons.

Six months into the sentence Hannibal strikes up a deal with Lynch to once again retrieve the plates in return for clean records for him and all members of his team.

Hannibal breaks out Faceman from prison first, and shortly after B.A. Baracus (Quinton "Rampage" Jackson) and Murdock (Sharlto Copley) are sprung from prison and the A-Team is back in action.

From here on out the unrealistic but awesome action and stunts are played out while the team tries to regain custody of the printing plates. The acting is decent, but the movie receives its clout not by the intricate character development or plot, but by the inventiveness of its humor. Murdock's character was one of my favorites. Sharlto Copley plays an unhinged, thoroughly unstable, loose cannon brilliantly.

While this movie doesn't deserve the highest marks, what it lacks in plot is made up for with the team cracking jokes all along the way. If you want big explosions, crazy action and humor, then "The A-Team" is exactly what you are looking for. ★



HARBESON TAKES THE HELM



JTF Guantanamo photos by
Air Force Tech. Sgt.
Michael R. Holzworth

Celebrating soccer: The history of the world's most popular sporting event

Army Sgt. Derrol Fulghum
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The largest sporting event in the world is currently underway in South Africa: – Federation Internationale de Football Association World Cup. During the 2006 World Cup in Germany, 715 million people watched the final match worldwide, with a cumulative audience of more than 26 billion, according to fifa.com.

Army Sgt. Anthony Berkowitz, a chaplain's assistant with Joint Task Force Guantanamo, is a big fan of the World Cup.

"I love the fact that different countries can compete in such a decisive and exciting sport," Berkowitz said. "Soccer is the world's most popular sport for a reason."

Around the turn of the 20th century, soccer began to gain in popularity, and exhibition-only tournaments were held during the 1900 and 1904 Olympic Games. It wasn't until the 1908 Olympic Summer Games in London that soccer became recognized as an official competition; four years after FIFA was founded.

In 1930, the first official World Cup was held. The first two matches of the World Cup were held simultaneously: USA vs. Belgium and France vs. Mexico, with the USA and France as the victors.

The tournament takes place every four years, with the only two exceptions being 1942 and 1946, because of World War II.

FIFA's official website explains how the association is organized into seven regions across the world. These different conferences hold qualification matches as early as two or three years out from the World Cup. After the qualification rounds, 32 teams are organized into eight groups, each with four teams. The host country (the Republic of South Africa this year) is

automatically seeded to a group.

Each group plays a round robin tournament, meaning each group gets to play at least three games. With each win, a team scores three points. If two teams tie, they earn one point each. No points are awarded for a loss. At the end of the group stage, the teams are paired up based on points in a single-elimination knockout round.

Berkowitz is supporting his country this year. "I'm hoping Team USA has a better showing this year than in 2006," he said. "Even though it isn't the most popular sport in our country, I'd like to see the United States compete seriously on the international stage."

National teams are awarded monetary prizes based on their placement in the tournament. This year, FIFA is offering \$240 million in prize money.

Each team receives at least \$8 million, with the winning team receiving \$30 million. This year's prize money is a 60 percent increase from the 2006 tournament.

Brazil has logged the most World Cup wins, showcasing five trophies from the past 24 tournaments. Italy has won four, with Germany coming in third overall with three wins.

This year's tournament will last until July 11, with games airing on ESPN and ESPN2. AFN was granted the rights to air the World Cup as well. Visit www.myafn.net for schedules. ☆



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Running for ‘miles’tones

Army Sgt. Tiffany Addair

JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

Five Soldiers set out on a mission to each run 235 miles over a five-and-a-half month time frame in honor of the Army’s birthday.

Army Sgt. Timothy M. Ruel, Army Spc. Thomas A. Salisbury, Army Spc. Padriag J. Mahoney, Army Spc. Nichol L. Cottrell and Army Spc. Constantinos Dafoulas, members of the Quick Reaction Force team with the 115th Military Police Company of the Rhode Island Army National Guard, hit the pavement around Joint Task Force Guantanamo to reach their goal. The Soldiers started Jan. 1 and gave themselves to June 14, the Army’s birthday, to tally 235 miles.

Mahoney was skeptical at first, but in the end he was very surprised with his personal achievements and those of his fellow runners.

“When I set this goal I never thought I would accomplish it,” Mahoney said. “If you would have told me a year ago that I would run 235 miles I would have called you a liar.”

The group ran about every three days, depending on work shifts, and ran

anywhere from four to eight miles at a time, sometimes farther.

Cottrell was the only female to participate and found some parts challenging, but being in great shape helped her overcome the tough spots.

“The toughest part for me was the heat and the hills,” Cottrell said. “But, being physically fit helped me push through.”

While they all had the same goal in mind, starting this running phenomenon sparked individual goals as well. Salisbury and Ruel both saw pounds disappear from the scale the more they ran.

“I have knee problems and it was hard for me to run,” Salisbury said. “The more I ran and started losing weight, the easier it was.”

Ruel lost 52 pounds and feels he is in the best shape of his 18-year Army career.

“Believe it or not, I hate running,” Ruel said. “I only run once a year for my physical training test, but once I saw weight coming off it was very motivating. I ran my lowest time for my two miles ever – 15:24.”

While the top goal was to run 235 miles before the Army’s birthday, more accomplishments blossomed as the months went on. Ruel worked hard on his PT test, and got his flag removed and was taken off weight control. Cottrell achieved a 317

on her PT test and now wears the Army Physical Fitness Badge on her PT uniform. Also, other Soldiers with the 115th MP Co. channeled the group’s motivation and joined in on some of the runs.

After all the miles were ran and the pencil marks were tallied, all of the five Soldiers accomplished the 235 mark and some exceeded it beyond expectations.

The Soldiers received support from their company commander, platoon leader and Soldiers standing guard at Roosevelt Gate. The gate guards cheered them on as they ran past and offered them water along the way.

Army Lt. Aaron A. Rozovsky, QRF platoon leader with the 115th MP Co., spoke highly of his Soldiers and their accomplishments.

“I am very proud of them,” Rozovsky said. “I gave them a challenge to increase personal development, esprit de corps and improve physical fitness. All of my Soldiers are go-getters who love to raise the standard or excellence everyday and they excelled beyond any stretch of the imagination.”

The Soldiers fed off of each others energy and motivation to keep each other going, and to achieve their goal to honor their branch of services’ 235 years of existence. ☆



(Left to right) Army Spc. Thomas A. Salisbury, Army Spc. Padriag J. Mahoney and Army Sgt. Timothy M. Ruel, members of the Quick Reaction Force with the Rhode Island Army National Guard, start a morning run around Joint Task Force Guantanamo, June 23. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Sgt. Tiffany Addair

TOTAL MILES RUN

RUEL:

684

COTTRELL:

322

MAHONEY:

259

DAFOULAS:

243

SALISBURY:

237



Exchanging duties

Navy Cmdr. Richard Hess, Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion commander, oversees an exchange of office ceremony between Navy Command Master Chief Alfonso Rivera, former NEGB CMC, and Navy Command Master Chief Debra Downs, newly appointed NEGB CMC, June 21. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth

Boots on the Ground

by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Kellie Bliss

What is your opinion on the JTF's involvement with social media, such as Facebook, YouTube and Twitter?

**Navy Religious Programs
Specialist 3rd Class
Adam Donato**



"I think it's a good way to counter the negativity in the mainstream media."

**Navy Hospital Corpsman
1st Class
Christopher Parker**



"It's important, so people have a better understanding of what we do here."

**Army Sgt.
Anthony Berkowitz**



"I think it's great, so our family and friends can see what goes on in the JTF."

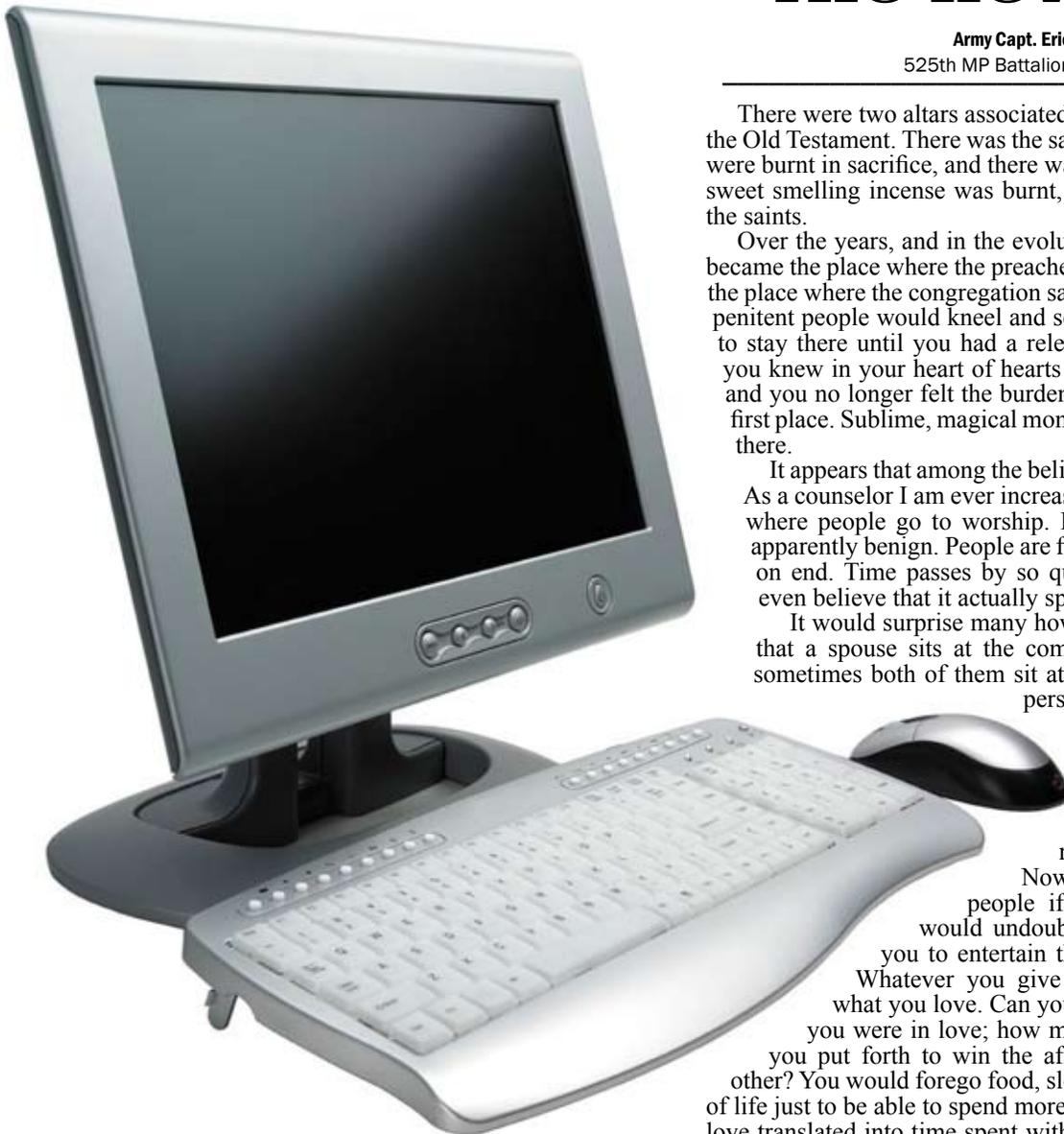
**Army Lt. Col.
Alex Conyers**



It's a great way to reach a part of the public we have not been able to reach before."

The new altar

Army Capt. Eric Bey
525th MP Battalion Chaplain



There were two altars associated with the worship of God in the Old Testament. There was the sacrificial altar where animals were burnt in sacrifice, and there was the altar of incense where sweet smelling incense was burnt, representing the prayers of the saints.

Over the years, and in the evolution of the church, the altar became the place where the preacher gave the Word of God and the place where the congregation sat. It became the place where penitent people would kneel and seek God. It was the practice to stay there until you had a release of sorts, the time when you knew in your heart of hearts that all was in God's hands and you no longer felt the burden that drove you there in the first place. Sublime, magical moments have been experienced there.

It appears that among the believers the practice is waning. As a counselor I am ever increasingly hearing of a new altar where people go to worship. It is very addictive and yet apparently benign. People are flocking to worship for hours on end. Time passes by so quickly there that one might even believe that it actually speeds up.

It would surprise many how often I hear the complaint that a spouse sits at the computer all day or night and sometimes both of them sit at the computer playing first-person shooter, fantasy games, dating or social websites.

I also have noticed an increase in illicit online relationships that wreak havoc with legitimate relationships.

Now if you were to ask these people if they are worshiping they would undoubtedly say no. I would like you to entertain the notion that time is love. Whatever you give your spare time to, that's what you love. Can you think back to the first time you were in love; how much time, energy and effort you put forth to win the affections of your significant other? You would forego food, sleep and the basic necessities of life just to be able to spend more time with that person. Your love translated into time spent with his or her. It was how you showed that special someone that you cared.

Look at the altars of today's churches – they are empty. Look at the altar of the computer screen and tell me what you see. Where do you spend your free time? What do you love? ☆

GTMO Religious Services

Daily Catholic Mass
Mon. - Fri. 5:30 p.m.
Main Chapel
Vigil Mass
Saturday 5 p.m.
Main Chapel
Mass
Sunday 9 a.m.
Main Chapel
Catholic Mass
Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
Troopers' Chapel

Protestant Worship
Sunday 9 a.m.
Troopers' Chapel
Islamic Service
Friday 1:15 p.m.
Room C
Jewish Service
FMI call 2628
LORIMI Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
Room D

Seventh Day Adventist
Saturday 11 a.m.
Room B
Iglesia Ni Christo
Sunday 5:30 a.m.
Room A
Pentecostal Gospel
Sunday 8 a.m.
Room D
LDS Service
Sunday 9 a.m.
Room A

Liturgical Service
Sunday 10 a.m.
Room B
General Protestant
Sunday 11 a.m.
Main Chapel
United Jamaican Fellowship
Sunday 11 a.m.
Building 1036
Gospel Service
Sunday 1 p.m.
Main Chapel

GTMO Bay Christian Fellowship
Sunday 6 p.m.
Main Chapel
Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel
The Truth Project Bible study
Sunday 6 p.m.
Troopers' Chapel



Around the JTF



Coast Guard Fireman Nathan Dlabaj, with Maritime Safety and Security Team 91104, applies lubricant to a propeller shaft while conducting engine maintenance, June 22. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Joshua Nistas



The Joint Medical Group's dental officer and dental technician provide dental treatment to a detainee at the Detention Hospital, June 17. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Navy Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Joshua Nistas



Army Sgt. John Sansone, with the Rhode Island Army National Guard's 115th Military Police Company, gives sight adjustments to two Soldiers at Granadillo Range, June 18. - JTF Guantanamo photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth